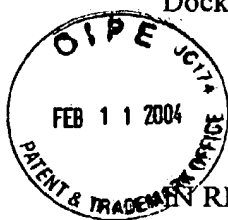


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SIR:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated December 29, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment in the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this response.

OK to ENTER 4/1/04 JTK